

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Las Manchas-Ermita San Angel-Mt Bilma Circular (Santiago del Teide)

Route Summary

The walk rises out of Las Manchas on old paths, soon passing a little Ermita at a prominent vantage point, before climbing up, alongside, and across the Chinyero lava fields that almost devastated the area in 1909. Great views are a feature of this walk on every step of the way.

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Transport/Parking: Very infrequent Titsa 461/462 from Santiago del Teide. Parking on street in Las Manchas close to church.

Length: 6.100 km / 3.81 mi

Height Gain: 332 meter

Height Loss: 332 meter

Max Height: 1251 meter

Min Height: 967 meter

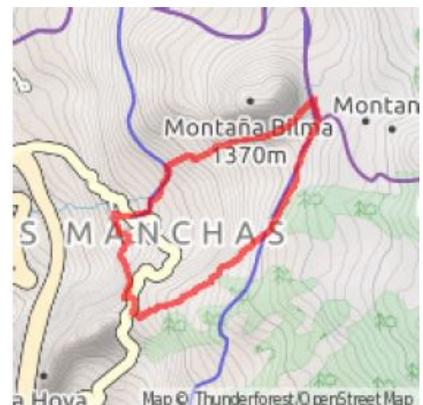
Surface: Mostly rough stony paths and rough roads.

Child Friendly: Yes, but only if children are used to strenuous uphill hikes on rough surfaces..

Difficulty: Moderate.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: Santiago del Teide or Tamaimo.



Description

This relatively short walk involves a moderately strenuous overall ascent to achieve marvellous grandstand views of the whole Santiago del Teide area. Starting at the church in the little village of Las Manchas we climb up the north-west flank of Montaña La Hoya on an old path to the charming little white-walled Ermita de Santo Angel de la Guardia which overlooks the valley below. Looking upward over the pine forests we can see the peak of El Teide. From here we ascend up the edge of the area of lava flow from Chinyero in 1909 that almost overwhelmed the municipality of Santiago del Teide. The route then traverses the lava fields, looking down to little Las Manchas, far below you now. Skirting the base of the prominent volcanic cone of Montaña Bilma the path then slowly descends back to the starting point, with great views down to the coast at Puerto Santiago, passing a shrine dedicated to the aversion (by prayer, reputedly) of the tragedy that almost befell Las Manchas in 1909, and its neighbouring towns and villages. The final section before the village, between dry stone walls, passes through an area of almond trees.



Waypoints

(1) Start from the church in Las Manchas

(28.28367; -16.80227)

Looking at the doors of the church in las Manchas, walk up the street on your right, Calle San Isidro.



(2) Turn right into Calle Los Pinos

(28.28352; -16.80161)

In about 70 m, turn right into Calle Los Pinos. (68 m)



(3) Continue straight on here

(28.28292; -16.80181)

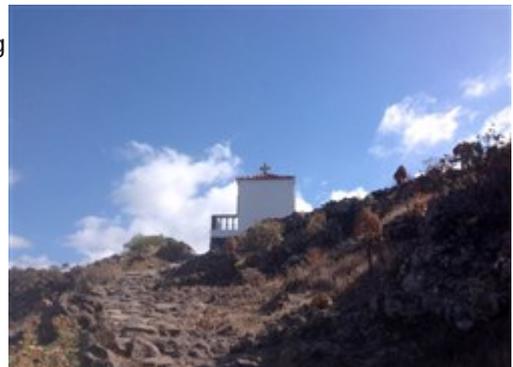
In another 70 m, at a y-junction continue straight on, passing the wooden cross on the wall on your left. Soon, this lane becomes a rough path that you will follow as it leaves Las Manchas and gradually rises up the side of Montaña Hoya towards a white ermita building. (138 m)



(4) Pass Ermita de Santo Angel de la Guardia

(28.27879; -16.80144)

After about 650 m, ascending on the twisting path, you arrive at the Ermita de Santo Angel de la Guardia, close to the road going to Arguayo. (795 m)



(5) Cross road and go right

(28.27868; -16.80126)

After checking out the Ermita, carefully cross the road and go right, walking along the verge. (817 m)



(6) Left off roadside here

(28.27769; -16.80147)

In 120 m, go left for a short section across waste ground, making towards a high fence and rough road. (938 m)



(7) Left uphill on rough road

(28.27725; -16.80078)

In 70 m, or so, at the rough road, turn left and uphill. The road soon becomes a path. Keep following this rough path as it gradually veers slightly and uphill for about 1.4 km, eventually overlooking Las Manchas over a lava field (1 km)



(8) Continue uphill veering left to trees

(28.28369; -16.78999)

In 1.4 km, approaching pine trees, continue uphill veering left towards the edge of the trees. (2.4 km)



(9) Take Santiago del Teide path

(28.29155; -16.78575)

In a further 1 km, at first skirting the edge of pine trees, then crossing a large lava field, carry straight on, taking the Santiago del Teide direction at this walk's signpost. (3.4 km)



(10) Sharp left with Mt Bilma on right now

(28.29378; -16.78596)

In another 300 m, turn sharp left and take the path marked with a white/green cross. Montaña Bilma is now on your right side as the path skirts the base of the volcanic cone and starts to go downhill towards Las Manchas. (3.7 km)



(11) Sharp right towards rough road

(28.28919; -16.79612)

In 1.2 km, having reached the former quarry area, turn sharp right for a short section when you meet small boulders blocking your path. This soon takes you over to a rough road bordered by boulders which you follow downhill towards Las Manchas. (4.9 km)



(12) Pass shrine

(28.28705; -16.79889)

In about 400 m you will pass, on your right, the shrine dedicated to the "miracle" of the lava flow from the 1909 Chinyero eruption having stopped without destroying Las Manchas. There is an annual ceremony there to give thanks. (5.3 km)



(13) Sharp right onto path

(28.28523; -16.79989)

In 300 m, now walking on a rough road between dry-stone walls, take this green/white marked path on your right before you reach the tarred road. (5.6 km)



(14) Cross road at walks info board

(28.28503; -16.80153)

In around 200 m, the path reaches the tarred main road on the outskirts of the village where there is a walks information board. Taking care, cross the road and follow Calle Bilma down into Las Manchas. (5.8)



(15) Left through little plaza onto Calle San Isidro

(28.28508; -16.80282)

In about 100 m, near the end of Calle Bilma, cross the little plaza onto Calle San Isidro then turn left. (5.9 km)



(16) Finish walk back at church

(28.28358; -16.80228)

In 200 m, or so, you are back at your start point by the church. (6.1 km)



Route Map



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